

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In re Application of

Confirmation No.: 3062

Thomas MARKSON et al.

Group Art Unit: 2157

Serial No.: 09/885,290

Examiner: Gregory G. Todd

Filed:

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For:

VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER APPROACH

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SUBMISSION WITH AMENDMENT AND REMARKS IN REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop RCE P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 27, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until September 27, 2005.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

There are no Specification Amendments. There are no Drawings Amendments.

Claim Amendments and Remarks are presented on separate sheets as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.
- Remarks begin at page 13.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks after entry of the amendments.